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MEMORANDUM FOR: ^{0107E} Deputy Director for Administration
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 Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Council on Foreign Relations

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1. The following information, quoted from its 1972-73 Annual Report, may be of assistance to you in identifying nominees for membership to the Council on Foreign Relations:

"Traditionally the Council has run two kinds of ongoing small groups for the study of foreign policy questions. One is the Author's Study Group, in which typically a group of 20 to 25 experts are brought together in a series of sessions to assist by critique an author to write a book manuscript. The other is the Survey Discussion Group in which 20 to 25 Council members, with leadership and professional staff support systematically review in five or six discussion sessions in a year a set of interrelated aspects of a single topic. In 1973-74 it is planned to add to these a substantial number of ongoing members' groups in a new format we are calling Current Issues Review Groups. These will meet three or four times during a year. While their 25 or so members will include some recognized experts in the subject under discussion, they will also include interested Council members who can bring to bear other sorts of expertise and quite different perspectives. In addition to meeting for discussions among themselves, members of a Current Issues Review Group will come together ad hoc when special Council guests of interest are available, or when important events relating to their topic of central concern occur. Some of these groups will, in effect, perform a monitoring function in their particular area. It is expected that each group will evolve patterns of its own, guided by its members and the Council staff associated with it. Doubtless some will be more productive than others. But this newly designed type of small group holds forth promise of closely uniting some meetings with ongoing studies, of giving greater currency to Council deliberations, of building new


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knowledge through more interchange, and of expanding the number of Council members actively involved in small group study of important foreign policy areas. In addition to these monitoring groups and the Council's traditional forms of small group enquiry, it is also anticipated that, where appropriate, some small Working Groups may find it possible and desirable to generate from their discussions one or more kinds of reports, articles or other work product."

2. The Office of Training will serve as the focal point in making arrangements and acting as intermediary as is necessary with the Council. The annual membership fee of \$15 as well as travel costs and per diem for attendance at meetings will be paid for by the sponsoring office. It is recommended that each addressee nominate only one candidate. In the event more than two nominations are made, I will convene the Training Selection Board to select the two most promising officers.

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Director of Training

cc: Members, Training Selection Board